

South King County Projects Update

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South King County traffic closures this week

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- The left southbound lane of I-5 from Military Road to S. 320th will close Tuesday through Saturday (Jan 3-7) from 7 p.m. each night to 1 p.m. each following afternoon. Crews are paving the new HOV lanes and ramps in the median as weather permits. All southbound lanes will be open for the evening commute each night.
- The left southbound lane of I-5 between S. 320th and the Pierce County line will close Wednesday and Thursday nights (Jan. 4 and 5) from 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. to keep drivers safe as construction vehicles enter and leave the median work zone.
- On Thursday night, Jan. 5, crews will close the two right northbound lanes of I-5 and the northbound exit to S. 320th to remove temporary light poles and straighten barrier. The lanes will close at 7 p.m., and the ramp will close at 10 p.m. A signed detour will direct drivers to the northbound exit at S. 272nd Street and then back onto southbound I-5, from where they can exit at S. 320th. The lanes and ramp will reopen by 5 a.m. Friday.

Additional lane planned for SR 518 near Sea-Tac Airport

If you went near Sea-Tac Airport this holiday season, you're probably aware of the growing traffic problems in that area. A few fast facts:

- 80 percent of traffic to Sea-Tac Airport travels on SR 518.
- SR 518 carries more traffic than the Alaskan Way Viaduct or the SR 520 bridge.
- Sea-Tac Airport currently serves 29 million passengers a year. In 2020, experts project this to grow to 44 million passengers a year (a 34 percent increase).

To accommodate projected increases in traffic and to enhance safety, we're planning the [SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project](#). In this project we plan to add a third eastbound lane on SR 518 from the North Airport Expressway to the I-5/I-405 interchange. The 2005 gas tax ([Partnership funding](#)) provides \$20 million for this project, which is currently in the planning stage. We're also planning improvements at the SR 518/SR 509 interchange, which we'll highlight in next week's e-mail update.

Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way.
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